

CMS HIPAA UPDATE

Moving Towards Compliance

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CMS Sponsors Free HIPAA Workshops for Small Providers

Workshops will focus on implementing the critical electronic transactions and code set requirements. Checklists, how to's, and a special segment on security are included as well. The Office for Civil Rights has also been invited to speak on privacy issues. Reservations are on a first-come first-served basis, however they are required as space is limited. Preference will be given to those providers located in the geographic area of a workshop. For more information e-mail mjohnson3@cms.hhs.gov and put "WORKSHOP" in the subject heading.

- Princeton, NJ - May 22, 2003 - Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village Hotel
- Charleston, WV - May 29, 2003 - Charleston Civic Center
- Tacoma, WA - June 5 - Tacoma Landmark Convention Center
- June 2003 - Las Vegas, NV - Specific date and location to be determined
- June 2003 - Syracuse, NY - Specific date and location to be determined

To Register - E-mail hipaamail@titan.com or fax 410-944-3868 to reserve your spot. Please include your name, e-mail address if applicable, company name, title, address, and the workshop location of your choice.

New Tools on our Website!

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2>

- **HIPAA Information Series** - A series devoted to electronic transactions and code sets. Papers 1-5 and 9-10 are now available in English and Spanish. The remaining papers are coming soon!

HIPAA Roundtable!

- **May 29, 2003 - 2:00 - 3:30 PM EST**
- Call in number is **1-877-381-6315**
- Conference ID # is **426913**.

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- **June 25, 2003 - 2:00 - 3:30 PM EST**
 - Call in number is **1-877-381-6315**
 - Conference ID # is **427383**.

Other News

- **New look for Office for Civil Rights website!**
See <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/>
- **New! Interim final rule: Civil Money Penalties**
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/moneypenalties.html>
 - This is the first installment of what has otherwise been known as the "Enforcement Rule"

Deadline Countdown!

Approximately 5 months to go until October 16, 2003, the HIPAA deadline for compliance with the electronic transactions and code sets requirements and the Medicare electronic submission requirement!